Allocation of power to Andhra Pradesh

3668. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to mitigate the shortage of unallocated power to Andhra Pradesh, which is 532 MW, as indicated by the Central Electricity Authority; and

(b) whether there was any increase in the share of unallocated power to Andhra Pradesh, which is half the share of unallocated power to Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The unallocated power in Central Generating Stations (CGSs) is provided on a dynamic basis to meet the emergent and seasonal needs to States/UTs. The allocation of unallocated power of Central Generating Stations of Southern Region to Andhra Pradesh during the evening peak hours (1800—2200 hours) *vis-a-vis* peak shortage experienced by the state during the last three months *i.e.* January-March, 2008, was as under:

Period	Peak Shortage (MW)	Allocation of unallocated power (MW)*
January 2008	828	228 (upto 18.01.08) 253 (from 19.01.08)
February 2008	869	253
March 2008	886	253 (upto 25.03.08) 278 (from 26.03.08)

*during peak (1800-2200) hours

There has been an increase in allocation of unallocated power to Andhra Pradesh during the peak hours (1800-2200 hours) by 25 MW each *w.e.f.* 19th January 2008 and 26th March 2008. Present position of allocation of unallocated power of Central Generating Stations of Southern Region to Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is as under:

Time-slot	Allocation of Unallocated Power	
	Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu
0200-0600 Hrs.	418 MW	175 MW
0600-1800 Hrs. & 2200-0200 Hrs.	370 MW	175 MW
1800-2200 Hrs.	278 MW	250 MW

It would be seen from the above that allocation of unallocated power to Andhra pradesh in all the time-slots of the day is higher than that of Tamil Nadu at present.